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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Geoffrey B. Rhoads

Serial No. 09/186,962

Filed: November 5, 1998

For: METHOD FOR MONITORING
DISSEMINATION OF IMAGE, VIDEO
AND/OR AUDIO FILES

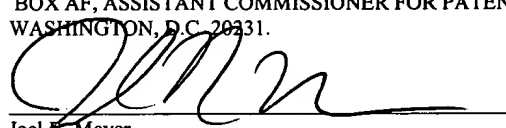
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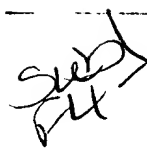
AMENDMENT


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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:


--21 (b) A method of monitoring distribution of proprietary audio or image files on the Internet,
comprising:
from at least one computer, automatically obtaining audio or image files from plural different
Internet sites;
automatically identifying plural of the obtained files having certain digital watermark data
embedded therein, and decoding the digital watermark data therefrom;
by reference to said decoded digital watermark data, determining proprietors of each of said
plural files; and
sending information relating to results of the foregoing monitoring to said determined
proprietors;
wherein proprietors of audio or image files are alerted to otherwise unknown distribution of their
audio or image properties on the Internet.--



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